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Leo Talman (1887-1964) Papers
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Photograph of medallion presented to Talman by Admiral Beatty of Great Britain.

BIOGRAPHY:

Born March 15, 1887 in Cynstochov Pictrkov Russia, Isak Leo Talman came to the US in 1907 (naturalized in Kansas City in 1923). A barber at the Hotel Muehlbach, he was called upon to provide haircuts and shaves for visiting dignitaries in Kansas City for the dedication of the Liberty Memorial in 1921. Among those World War I heroes were General Jacques of Belgium, General Diaz of Italy, General Foch of France, General Pershing of the United States, and Admiral Beatty of Great Britain. In a conversation with Admiral Beatty the next day, Talman talked of being Jewish. Beatty asked Talman what his greatest wish was. Talman said that he wished Palestine would be returned to the Jewish people. Eight months later, Talman received a letter from Beatty containing a medallion inscribed with a Jewish prayer.

Information and excerpts taken from: Kansas City Times. About Town by Landon Laird, January 1959

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Folder 1. Photograph of medallion presented to Leo Talman by Admiral Beatty, September 1921; and article from Kansas City Times, January 1959